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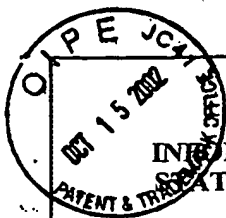
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| | 3,618,842 | November 9, 1971 | Bryan | | | |
| | 3,662,939 | May 16, 1972 | Bryan | | | |
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| | 4,198,960 | April 22, 1980 | Utsugi | | | |
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| | 4,250,873 | February 17, 1981 | Bonnet | | | |
| | 4,273,109 | June 16, 1981 | Enderby | | | |
| | 4,273,111 | June 16, 1981 | Tsukaya | | | |
| | 4,286,585 | September 1, 1981 | Ogawa | | | |
| | 4,289,131 | September 15, 1981 | Mueller | | | |
| | 4,289,133 | September 15, 1981 | Rothfuss | | | |
| | 4,304,236 | December 8, 1981 | Conta et al. | | | |
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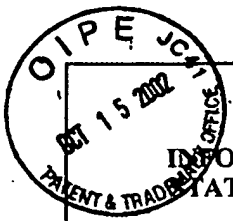
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| | 4,448,188 | May 15, 1984 | Loeb | | | |
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| | 4,505,414 | March 19, 1985 | Filipi | | | |
| | 4,520,817 | June 4, 1985 | Green | | | |
| | 4,534,420 | August 13, 1985 | Goldelius | | | |
| | 4,535,773 | August 20, 1985 | Yoon | | | |
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| | 4,574,806 | March 11, 1986 | McCarthy | | | |
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| | 4,593,679 | June 10, 1986 | Collins | | | |
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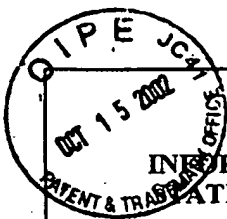
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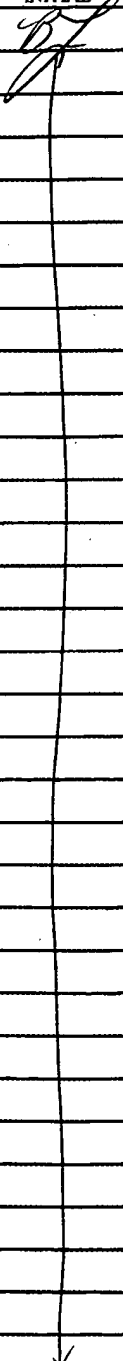
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| | 4,646,745 | March 3, 1987 | Noiles | | | |
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| | 4,703,887 | November 3, 1987 | Clanton et al. | | | |
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| | 4,708,141 | November 24, 1987 | Inoue et al. | | | |
| | 4,732,156 | March 22, 1988 | Nakamura | | | |
| | 4,733,118 | March 22, 1988 | Mihalko | | | |
| | 4,742,815 | May 10, 1988 | Ninan et al. | | | |
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| | 4,754,909 | July 5, 1988 | Barker et al. | | | |
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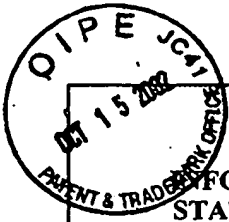


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| | 4,955,882 | September 11, 1990 | Hakky | | | |
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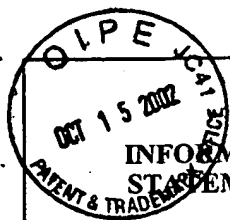
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| | 5,217,003 | June 8, 1993 | Wilk | | | |
| | 5,221,279 | June 22, 1993 | Cook et al. | | | |
| | 5,224,951 | July 6, 1993 | Freitas | | | |
| | 5,226,426 | July 13, 1993 | Yoon | | | |
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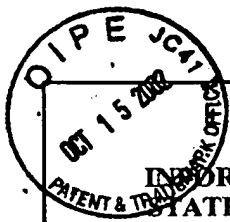
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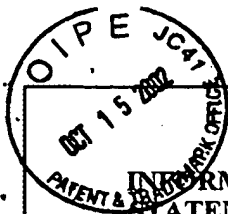
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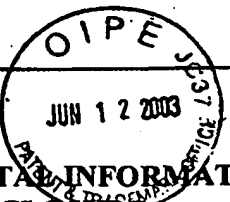
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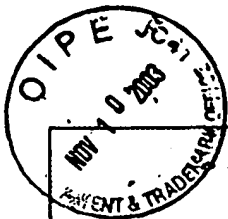
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